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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Alexandra D. Eckert, DOB: 03/13/1970, of 223 East Mill Street, Poynette, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty yesterday in U.S. District Court in Madison to bank embezzlement.

At the plea hearing, Eckert admitted that while employed at the Monona, Wisconsin, branch of J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, she embezzled approximately \$3,500 from that institution.

Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb scheduled sentencing for November 16, 2006, at 1:20 p.m. Eckert faces a maximum penalty of up to 30 years in prison, a \$1 million fine, five years of supervised release, and entry of an appropriate restitution order.

The charge against Alexandra Eckert was the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant C. Johnson.

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